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In re application of: **SATO, Masahiko et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2839**

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Examiner: **DINH, PHUONG K.**

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For: **LAN CONNECTOR HAVING A STOPPER PORTION SELECTIVELY STOPPING THE INSERTION OF A MODEM CABLE CONNECTOR**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the December 16, 2004 Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,702,622. Applicants overcome this rejection by filing a Terminal Disclaimer (enclosed).

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes otherwise, she is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time.
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Enclosure: Terminal Disclaimer with check for associated fee

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